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NOTIFICATION

G. O. (P) No.9/2026/ID
S. R. O. No. 174/2026

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 06th February, 2026
23rd Makaram 1201

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 issued by notification under G.O. (P) No. 16/2015/ID. dated 7th February, 2015 and

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published as S.R.O. No. 72/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 288 dated 7th February, 2015, namely:-

RULES

1. *Short title and commencement*.- (1) These Rules may be called the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules*.– In the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015, in sub-rule (2) of rule 14 for the existing proviso the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"Provided that, if the proposed building construction site is located in a hilly terrain with steep slopes where excavation of ordinary earth may result in slope failures, the building permit granting authority shall insist the applicant to submit a slope stability study report prepared by any reputable agency, notified by the Government capable of providing geotechnical investigation services and the decision to grant permit may be taken based on the recommendations provided in the report and such agencies may be graded by the Government based on their expertise and gravity of the projects.".

By order of the Governor,

A P M MOHAMMED HANISH,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Government of Kerala have framed Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 issued by notification under G.O.(P) No.16/2015/ID dated 7th February 2015 and published as S.R.O. No. 72/2015 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 288 dated 7th February, 2015 to regulate extraction of minor minerals in the State. As per proviso to sub- rule (2) of rule 14,if the

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proposed building construction site is located in a hilly terrain with steep slopes where excavation of ordinary earth may result in slope failures, the building permit granting authority may insist the applicant to submit a slope stability study report prepared by any reputable agency providing geotechnical investigation services and the decision to grant permit may be taken based on the recommendations provided in the report. The Hon'ble High Court, in the order dated 8th April, 2025 in W.P.(C) No.27562 of 2024 had remarked that the State should have a uniform criteria for determining Reputable Agencies. In the above circumstances, the Government have decided to make suitable amendment to the above said rule and hence this amendment.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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